

# South Dakota PRICES RECEIVED

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## CROP PRICES DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

**SIOUX FALLS, October 31, 2003** --Preliminary October prices for all crops other than soybeans and barley are below last year's prices and generally down from last month, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Preliminary October prices for livestock were above last year's prices and up from last month, with the exception of hogs and pigs.

The preliminary October corn price, at \$1.86, was down 15 cents from last month and down 35 cents from last year. The preliminary October soybean price, at \$6.68, was up 86 cents from last month and up \$1.66 from last year. The preliminary all wheat price for October, at \$3.14, was down 10 cents from last month and down \$1.45 from last year. The winter wheat price, at \$3.07, was down 16 cents from last month and down \$1.50 from last October. The spring wheat price, at \$3.20, was down 4 cents from last month and down \$1.41 from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$10.30, was up 10 cents from last month but down \$1.90 from last year.

The all hay price for October, at \$58.00 per ton, was up \$2.00 from September but down \$20.00 from last year. The alfalfa price, \$62.00 per ton, was up \$2.00 from last month but down \$22.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$45.00, was up \$4.00 from last month but down \$17.00 from 2002.

The preliminary October all beef cattle price, at \$97.80, was up \$10.60 from last month and up \$23.40 from last year. Steers and heifers, at \$104.00, were up \$11.30 from September and up \$24.50 from last year. Calves, at \$117.00, were unchanged from last month but up \$25.40 from last October.

The preliminary October all hog price, at \$39.90, was down 40 cents from last month but up \$7.80 from last year. Barrows and gilts were down 60 cents from September but up \$6.90 from last year. Sows were up 90 cents from September and up \$14.20 from last year.

### PRICES RECEIVED BY SOUTH DAKOTA FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	October 2002 1/ -----	September 2003 1/ DOLLARS -----	October 2003 2/ -----
Corn	Bu.	2.21	2.01	1.86
Soybeans	Bu.	5.02	5.82	6.68
Sunflower	Cwt.	12.20	10.20	10.30
Wheat, All	Bu.	4.59	3.24	3.14
Winter	Bu.	4.57	3.23	3.07
Other Spring	Bu.	4.61	3.24	3.20
Barley, All	Bu.	1.84	2.23	2.43
Feed	Bu.	1.84	1.85	NA
Malt	Bu.	5/	2.41	2.43
Oats	Bu.	2.02	1.40	1.37
Flaxseed	Bu.	5/	5.50	NA
Hay, All	Ton	78.00	56.00	58.00
Alfalfa	Ton	84.00	60.00	62.00
Other	Ton	62.00	41.00	45.00
Cattle, All Beef 3/	Cwt.	74.40	87.20	97.80
Cows	Cwt.	33.40	47.20	47.30
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	79.50	92.70	104.00
Calves 4/	Cwt.	91.60	117.00	117.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	32.10	40.30	39.90
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	34.10	41.60	41.00
Sows	Cwt.	17.80	31.10	32.00
Lambs	Cwt.	86.00	108.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	24.70	35.40	NA

1/ Entire month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Over 500 lbs. 4/ Under 500 lbs. 5/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers. NA = Not Available.

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